GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:44
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000
ALLOCATION OF KEROSENE
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for the allocation of kerosene to States;

(b) whether it is proposed to allocate quota of kerosene on the basis of population;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of allocation of kerosene made to each State and Union Territory during the last three years against their respective demands; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make good the shortfall in the allocation?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.44 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.2.2000 REGARDING ALLOCATION OF KEROSENE BY SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN AND DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH.

(a) to (e):- Kerosene is an allocated product and annual/monthly allocation is made by the Central Government to the States/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System.The allocation of kerosene is made on historical basis i.e past year allocation plus additional allocation out of increase given at the national level based on the principle of giving higher increase to the States with lower per capita availability so as to reduce inter State disparity.

Requests are received from various State Governments for additional allocation ofkerosene from time to time. Kerosene is a deficit product in the country and on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy the distribution has to be judicious. The statement showing the annual allocation to the States/UTs for the last three years is at Annexure-A.

Request received from State Governments` for enhancement of Kerosene Quota.

Name of State	Date of Request	Replied on	Quota to be enhanced
Gujarat	20.1.1997	11.3.97	33,000 Kl per month
Goa	5.12.1996	11.3.97	4000 Kl per month
Uttar Pradesh	December,97	21.5.98	2,03,946 Kl per month
Kerala	4.1.99	4.5.99	5000 Kl per month
Karnataka	6.11.99	4.1.2000	39,000 Kl per month
Rajasthan	1.1.2000	-	13,000 Kl per month
Madhya Pradesh	14.1.2000	-	Increase in per capita availability